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TION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE ENERGY RESEARCH AND
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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING TO THE AMERICAN MEMBERS
OF THE SUBCOMMISSION AND TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES.

2. THE GOI DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DESHPANDE),
AFTER GUIDANCE FROM THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, HAS
TENTATIVELY CHOSEN THREE AREAS WITHIN WHICH TO TABLE SPECIFIC
PROPOSALS BEFORE THE INDO-US JOINT COMMISSION. THESE ARE
AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES. WITHIN THESE
AREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROPOSES SIX
TOPICS FOR SPECIFIC PROPOSALS.

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(A) UNDER AGRICULTURE,

(I) WATER MANAGEMENT AND

(II) INTEGRATED PEST CONTROL.

(B) UNDER ENERGY,

(I) COAL GASIFICATION, LIQUEFACTION, AND FLUIDIZED BEDS AND

(II) SOLAR ENERGY.

(C) UNDER SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES,

(I) EXPANSION OF THE NSF-CSIR SCIENTIST EXCHANGE PROGRAM
KEEPING IN VIEW PRIORITY AREAS AND PROMOTION OF EXCHANGES
BETWEEN ACADEMIES, AND

(II) INFORMATION SYSTEMS EXCHANGE.

3. WE EXPECT THE INDIANS WILL CABLE THE DETAILS OF THE
SPECIFIC PROPOSALS THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
TO THE INDIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

4. COMMENT: THE S&T COUNSELOR EXPRESSED SURPRISE TO DESHPANDE
THAT HEALTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE INDIAN
AREAS FOR SPECIFIC FOCUS. DESHPANDE SUGGESTED THAT MEA HAD
EXERTED SOME FORM OF PRESSURE TO ELIMINATE THESE AREAS AND
THAT THE HEALTH MINISTRY MIGHT WEIGH IN AGAIN IN DISCUSSIONS
ON THE INDIAN SIDE. IT SOUNDS AS THOUGH BUREAUCRATIC RIVALRIES
ARE AGAIN OPERATING WITHIN THE GOI, ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT
SURE HOW MEA FITS INTO THE PICTURE.

5. PLEASE LET US HAVE ANY SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS
YOU WISH US TO PUT TO THE INDIANS ON THEIR APPROACH AT THIS
POINT. IT IS POSSIBLE WE CAN STILL INFLUENCE THEIR FORMAL
PRESENTATION TO US IF WE EXPRESS STRONG INFORMAL COMMENTS
AT THIS TIME.

6. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE EXPECTED US CORRECTIONS
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OF THE FIRST DRAFTS OF THE SIX S&T SUBCOMMISSION WORKING
GROUPS' REPORTS. WOULD YOU PLEASE CHECK ON THEIR STATUS.
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